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BRIEF CHRONOLOGY OF 1972

4-7 JAN FCLP NAF El Centro
10-13 JAN CARQUAL USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63)
14-15 JAN Moved aboard KITTY HAWK
17 JAN-4 FEB Mini Cruise

7-16 FEB Preparing for Cruise
17 FEB Departed CONUS for WESTPAC
18 FEB-2 MAR Enroute Subic Bay

3-7 MAR Inport Subic Bay
8 MAR Enroute Yankee Station
9-25 MAR First Line Period on Yankee Station
26 MAR Enroute Subic Bay
27 MAR-1 APR Inport Subic Bay

2 APR Enroute Yankee Station
3 APR-22 MAY Second Line Period on Yankee Station

23 MAY Enroute Subic Bay
24-30 MAY Inport Subic Bay
31 MAY Enroute Yankee Station

1-27 JUN Third Line Period on Yankee Station
28 JUN Enroute Subic Bay
28 JUN Inport Subic Bay
29 JUN Enroute Hong Kong
30 JUN-6 JUL Inport Hong Kong

7 JUL Enroute Yankee Station
8 JUL-4 AUG Fourth Line Period on Yankee Station

5 AUG Enroute Subic Bay
6-12 AUG Inport Subic Bay
13 AUG Enroute Yankee Station
14 AUG-5 SEP Fifth Line Period on Yankee Station

6 SEP Enroute Subic Bay
7-13 SEP Inport Subic Bay
14 SEP Enroute Yankee Station
15 SEP-2 OCT Sixth Line Period on Yankee Station

3 OCT Enroute Subic Bay
4-10 OCT Inport Subic Bay
11 OCT Enroute Yankee Station
12 OCT-5 NOV Seventh Line Period on Yankee Station

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6 NOV Enroute Subic Bay
7 NOV Inport Subic Bay
8-10 NOV Enroute Sasabo, Japan
11-13 NOV Inport Sasabo, Japan
14-21 NOV Enroute Hawaii
22 NOV Inport Hawaii
23-27 NOV Enroute CONUS
28 NOV Arrived CONUS
29 NOV-31 DEC POST DEPLOYMENT STANDDOWN

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HISTORY

COMMAND ORGANIZATION AND RELATIONS

Fighter Squadron TWO THIRTEEN is a component of Attack Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN and is homeported at the Naval Air Station Miramar, California. The primary mission of this McDonnell F4J-equipped Fighter Squadron is to provide all-weather air superiority for the fleet. The secondary mission of the squadron is to supplement the Air Wing attack capabilities for conventional weapons delivery. Commander John V. LOCKHART, USN, was the Commanding Officer from 17 June 1971 until 20 June 1972 when he was relieved by Commander Robert L. GILBERT, USN, during ceremonies held aboard USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63).

OPERATIONS

VF-213 was just completing its training cycle at the beginning of calendar year 1972. Following carrier landing practice at NAF El Centro and a CARQUAL period aboard the USS KITTY HAWK the "BLACK LIONS" deployed to the Western Pacific on the 17th day of February 1972 for its seventh combat cruise. Upon transit of the Pacific, the squadron finished the last preparatory stages for combat operations.

The first line period began on the 9th day of March and lasted until 25 March. USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63) operated on a one-hour and forty-five minute cycle requiring the F-4J to carry the 600 gallon centerline tank. As bombers the aircraft carried 3000 pounds of bombs plus two AIM-7F-2 Sparrow III missiles, and two AIM-9G Sidewinder missiles. For Combat Air Patrol or photo escort missions the aircraft were configured with two Sparrow and two Sidewinder missiles.

On the 3rd day of April the "BLACK LIONS" of VF-213 began their second and what was to be the longest line period, lasting some 52 days. During this period the "BLACK LIONS" flew over 300 combat sorties, delivering some 363 tons of ordnance while suffering no personnel losses or aircraft damage either operationally or in combat. Also during this second line period the squadron became the first unit to deliver ordnance to the high threat Haiphong area.

In June of 1972 the squadron became instrumental in the deployment of the laser guided bombs. The "BLACK LIONS" became the first Navy F-4 squadron to deliver the laser guided bomb against enemy positions. In all, during the cruise the squadron delivered more than 1100 tons of ordnance during its seven line periods while suffering no personnel losses.

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The officers and men of Fighter Squadron TWO THIRTEEN are proud of their many achievements during calendar year 1972. Equipped with the Navy's F4J aircraft and highly polished fighter crews, the "BLACK LIONS" fulfilled all assigned missions while upholding its reputation as the finest fighter squadron in the United States Navy.

SPECIAL TOPICS

Safety 1972

(1) Total hours flown 5225 Day 3953 Night 1272

(2) CVA Landings: Day 2010
 Night 618
 Total 2628

(3) Aircraft Accidents - Three major A/C accidents occurred:

(a) 2-72A LT (b) (6) / LT (b) (6) Aircraft Carrier Landing accident on 5 April 1972. A/C 157256.

(b) 3-72A LCDR (b) (6) LTJG (b) (6) Aircraft Carrier Landing accident on 12 June 1972. A/C 157258.

(c) 4-72A LCDR (b) (6) / LCDR (b) (6) Anti-aircraft loss on 19 June 1972. A/C 157273.

(4) Ground Accident - one major ground accident occurred:

(a) 2-73G 15 October 1972, aircraft fell off jacks. A/C 157250.

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CONTRIBUTIONS/ACHIEVEMENTS

The "Black Lions" of VF-213 were involved in a number of notable achievements and contributions during calendar year 1972. VF-213 was instrumental in pioneering the Navy's use of the laser guided bombs. The "Black Lions" provided the first F-4 designators for the A-7's delivery of the 2,000 pound bombs. Later in the cruise the "Black Lions" delivered their own laser units knocking out a significant number of gun emplacements and bridges.

During the second line period the A-7's on board KITTY HAWK were all grounded for engine checks leaving the "Black Lions" of VF-213 carrying the brunt of the load delivering ordnance continuously for a period of ten days until engine modifications could be made.

As the war progressed and activity began to move further North it was evident that the "Black Lions" would become exposed to the high threat Hanoi-Haiphong area. And in the latter part of APR the inevitable happened as VF-213 became the first Navy F-4 squadron to deliver ordnance over the Haiphong area.

The 1972 cruise not only proved to be a highly successful operationally but also proved to be a very "safe" cruise. The "Black Lions" were able to complete the entire cruise without the loss of a single aircrew. Also, out of the seven individual "Tailhook" awards given during the cruise the "Black Lions" provided the winning the winning crew on six occasions while winning the unit award during the sixth line period.

The "Black Lions" also had a notable number of historical landings aboard KITTY HAWK during 1972. Lt. (b) (6) completed his 400th combat mission and his 500th carrier landing on the same day. Other historical landings on board the KITTY HAWK included the following:

127,000th.....LCDR (b) (6) /LTJG (b) (6)
128,000th.....CDR Robert GILBERT/LT (b) (6)

All in all 1972 proved to be a highly successful year for the "Black Lions" of VF-213 giving sustenance to the many hours spent briefing and flying during combat operations resulting in "Black Lions" aircrews being considered the finest in the fleet.

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FIGHTER SQUADRON TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN FLIGHT SUMMARY

FLIGHT HOURS (JAN-DEC 1972)

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>NIGHT</u>
JAN	401.0	205.0	196.0
FEB	86.1	76.8	9.3
MAR	690.6	534.0	156.6
APR	692.7	579.5	113.2
MAY	539.8	501.2	38.6
JUN	640.5	448.0	192.5
JUL	621.2	435.4	185.8
AUG	525.2	417.3	107.9
SEP	456.9	334.6	122.3
OCT	452.3	312.1	140.2
NOV	114.5	104.9	9.6
DEC	4.4	4.4	—
GRAND TOTAL	5225.2	3953.2	1272.0

ARRESTED LANDINGS

<u>DAY</u>	<u>NIGHT</u>
138	93
39	8
223	94
302	68
255	31
236	84
234	73
214	49
170	51
152	63
47	4
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Aircraft in VF-213 Inventory During 1972

F4J 157250 - transferred December 1972
157256 - transferred on cruise
157258 - transferred on cruise
157272
157265
157242
157243
157247
157251
157254
157255
155808
155764
155832
155849

157273 - Operational Loss

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OFFICER PRECEDENCE LIST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>SSAN/Desig</u>
GILBERT, Robert L.	CDR	(b) (6)
BROWN, Roger W., Jr.	CDR	
(b) (6)	LCDR	
	LCDR	
	LCDR	
	LT	
	LT	
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	LTJG	
	LTJG	
	LTJG	
	LTJG	

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Name

Rank

SSAN/Desig

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31 DECEMBER 1972

NAME

RATE

SSN

(b) (6)

AA

SD3

AA

AE3

SDSN

AA

AN

AA

ADJ2

AMH2

AEC

AT2

ADJ3

ADJ1

HM1

AVCM

ADJC

AQCS

AN

AA

ADJ3

AE3

(b) (6)

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AQ2

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PR3

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AQ3

AQ2

ADJAA

DK2

AMH3

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SD2

AMH1

BM2

ADJ1

AE2

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ADJ1

AOAN

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AMH3

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ADJ3

AME3

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S BIOGRAPHY
COMMANDER ROGER W. BROWN, JR.

Commander Roger W. BROWN, Jr., the son of (b) (6) was born in (b) (6). He attended the (b) (6) where he earned his B. S. degree. In September 1956, he entered the Navy under the Aviation Officers Candidate Program at NAS Pensacola, Florida and was commissioned an Ensign in February 1957. He was designated a Naval Aviator on 6 June 1958.

His first set of orders as a Naval Aviator were to VF-121 where as a student he flew the FJ-3. In January 1959 he reported to VF-124, via VF-23, where as a student he transitioned to the F-8U. Upon completion of training in December of 1959 he reported to VF-211, serving as Personnel Officer, flying the F-8U-1 and completing a deployment to the Western Pacific aboard USS LEXINGTON in 1960-61.

In December of 1961 Commander BROWN reported to VF-174 where, as AIO/Material Control Officer, he also served as a flight instructor. From November 1964 to May 1965 Commander BROWN was stationed in France assisting the French Navy in their transition to the F8E-FN aircraft.

Returning to a training status in June of 1965 Commander BROWN reported to VF-101 when he transitioned to the F-4B aircraft. Upon completion of training in November 1965 he reported to VF-32 and served as Assistant Maintenance/Administration Officer. In June of 1966 he deployed again to the Western Pacific aboard USS ROOSEVELT, completing the cruise in January of 1967.

After a five month Mediterranean cruise, Commander BROWN reported to CVW-2 where he served as the Operations Officer, making a brief cruise to WESTPAC in April and a full cruise in October of 1968 aboard USS RANGER. In October of 1969 he reported to OPNAV in Washington, D. C. where he served with a CNO study group in OP96 until November of 1971.

Commander BROWN reported to Fighter Squadron TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN as Executive Officer in July, 1972 aboard USS KITTY HAWK where he completed the combat tour with the squadron. To date he has earned fifteen Air Medals and two Navy Commendation Medals.

Commander BROWN is married to the former (b) (6) of (b) (6) and resides with their children (b) (6) at (b) (6).